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AVATAR: an integral manifestation or embodiment of a concept, philosophy or tradition or a variant phase of a continuing basic entity. Two-fold possibility and two-fold purpose. This paper is a continuation of a long line of papers here at the Bay AND with it we, the staff hope to breathe fresh life into an old, but oft neglected philosophy -- future oriented humanism. Yours in the struggle!

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OFF THE TOP Revisited

by mike bondett

(Ed. Note: As most of you know, Mike was the AVATAR Editor from its beginning last year until March '75. He is presently at Collins Bays' "other" prison, the Portsmouth House on Day Parole. He compares and dismisses both with the following summation: "There are no differences but differences of degree between different degrees of difference and no difference.")

Revolution in Retrospect

Upon leaving the womb i was an obedient, dutiful creature et al for 30 seconds, which was when i went insane due to the realization that the society i'd been thrust into was corrupt and inhuman. i endured this state for a number of years, but finally there was no alternative than returning to the womb in order to be born again. This re-birth i had a large degree of control over and so was born 'mad' but perfectly sane.

The only regret i have is that it took me so long to make the final break with the repressive society which is in power in the West -- or world-wide for that matter in many instances. i spent many years rebelling in a meaningless way - by indulging in crime. All that gained in the long run were progressively long periods of incarceration. However, these weren't a total waste since i found time to delve into mysticism and politics until nowadays i find myself in a position where i can envision applying alternatives to society gone mad and do it without alarming the sleepers to the point where they will take violent action against me.

"....well developed
state of insanity.."

While on the street prior to my most recent prison term i was deeply involved with (dirty word) drugs. Through the drug experience i reached a well-developed state of insanity if viewed from

the position of the mind-police, but i was unable to see any benefit in going mad by their definition. In fact, it was impossible for me to do so! Simply could not figure out if i should run screaming through the streets or bang my body against the wall - OR - if i did either, exactly what was to be gained from it.

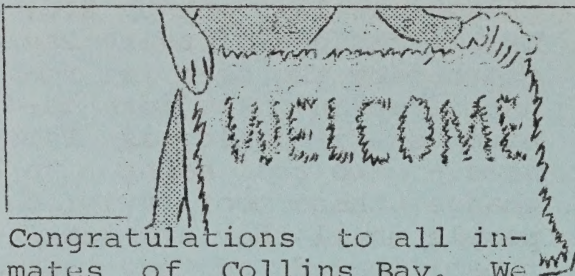
"...found.....a feeling of correctness where personal values and actions are concerned."

Then i ended up in jail again - this time with a well-developed trust in others of my kind and a well-realized sense of self. The sense of self and the feeling of correctness where personal values and actions are concerned has grown over the past five years, and thus i follow the beat of my own drummer --even though the power-people, as often as not, consider me "out of formation."

An elephant called
Society.

Jails, in addition to incarcerating criminal "social deviants," fulfill all criteria for mental hospitals

prisons as laid out by R.D. Laing. Instead of using Psychotherapy the term is "rehabilitation". The idea behind staff policy is the same - "we are going to change these poor twisted people until they are sane/rehabilitated so they can go out into society and obey the rules." Strange they refuse to consider there is something wrong with their society if so many rebel against it. Crime is a symptom of a social ill! Ever increasing numbers of people have serious disagreements with the "way things are" and stealing often begins as a form of rebellion against just that (even if subconsciously), in the hopes someone will enquire as to what is wrong and offer an alternative which the person can follow and feel he/she is alive. Unfortunately, after a few periods of incarceration one becomes locked into the role of "criminal" (Society is like an elephant - it never forgets), and takes a place on the merry-go-round of Street-Prison-Street-Prison etc., ad nauseum. In the prison, the staff, on many occasions take great pains to tell people how vile (convicts) they are and what little hope there is of changing them so as to be able to



JOSE

by
chuck
armstrong

Congratulations to all inmates of Collins Bay. We are now foster-fathers. Yes, each and every one of us, whether married, single, divorced or widower, we now have, in a manner of speaking, a son.

His name is Jose Poveda and he lives in Guayaquil, Ecuador. He is our foster-child through the facilities of the Foster Parents Plan of Canada. Jose is eight years of age, born April 27, 1968 and is presently in Grade 2 at Division de Infanteria 3 Public School. His school curriculum consists of Reading, Writing, Music, Drawing, Natural Sciences, Arithmetic, and Physical Education.

The family group consists of the parents and four children, all boys. Jose's father is a nurse and his mother a housewife. Both are very responsible people and are much concerned for the children's future. They want to improve their family's standard of living, but, their own income is only enough to cover their

main needs.

Their monthly income is \$48. This is distributed as follows: \$40. on nutrition, \$4 on transportation, and \$4. on miscellaneous. They buy their groceries at the market, paying in cash. Their diet is mostly based on rice, vegetables and sea food, occasionally they are able to have meat and milk. They have two meals a day, including breakfast, which consists of black coffee and bread. Nutrition is very poor in quality and quantity, not enough for good health and good growth. For fuel they use charcoal.

The house where they live belongs to the family. It is located on the outskirts of the city. The streets are not paved and the neighborhood lacks running water and a sewage system. They buy their water from cars that distribute it and it is kept in containers. The house is made of cane, has a wooden floor and a zinc roof. It has only one room, which is used for all services, and a small patio.

Even though the place is small for the family, it is kept clean and in proper order. Personal hygiene is good. Furniture is very poor, consisting of a table a box for clothing, three beds, a charcoal stove and some kitchen utensils.

All the members of the family are in good health at the present time. The parents have been oriented toward family planning.

Jose has a tan complexion dark brown hair, dark brown eyes. He is obedient, affectionate and gets along well with his family. His attitude toward school is good.

The idea of adopting a child through the "Plan" originated with the previous committee and enthusiastically followed up by the present one. There was a large surplus in the welfare fund and it was thought something constructive might be done with it, and this was the choice.

The cost to each inmate is approximately fifty (50) cents per year (less than one welfare deduction). Some guys asked why we did n't do something for a child in Canada, and this was discussed, but we couldn't find any organization in this country where we could do so much with the amount of money available.

In the meantime, we'll be communicating with Jose by mail and if anyone in the population has something they'd like to say, contact one of the Committee members or drop your suggestion in the Committee Box on the strip. We'll keep you up to date either through the AVATAR or by notices on the Bulletin boards.

Now, seeing as we're all new "fathers", if we could only get the Director to hand out 400 cigars.....

SENATE EASES CANNABIS PENALTIES

A Senate committee has amended new cannabis legislation to provide for an automatic pardon to first offenders given an absolute or conditional discharge after conviction for possession of the drug.

Senator Carl Goldenberg, chairman of the Senate's legal and constitutional affairs committee, said another change is elimination of a minimum three-year penalty for importing or exporting cannabis drugs. The courts also have the option of granting absolute or conditional discharges in cases of importing and exporting.

The bill transfers marijuana and hashish from the Narcotics Control Act to the Food and Drug Act and reduces penalties for possession.

Provision for automatic pardon meets calls the committee heard repeatedly from witnesses during 4 months of weekly hearings on the bill.

The Canadian Medical Association first suggested that

some way should be found to avoid saddling young offenders with criminal records for simple possession of cannabis.

The CMA's claim that the record inflicts more harm than the drug was echoed by other professional groups from lawyers to social workers.

In the case of an absolute discharge - in which the court convicts but releases the offender without further penalty - the pardon would be deemed to take effect immediately.

In conditional discharges, it would take effect at the end of whatever probationary period the court imposed.

Senator J. Harper Prowse (L.Alberta) moved an amendment to eliminate more severe penalties for second offenses but it was defeated.

The Senate action received little support from police officials.

EDITORIAL

by Terry

Files and Dodges

Dineen

It is an amusing-irritating experience for an inmate requesting access to reports compiled on him by the 'Institution'. Whether the reports concern parole matters, community assessments or data of various other investigations; the inmate is always denied access to those files which concern him. Of slight interest, but of no use, is the manner in which the material requested is refused by the institutional official; if he is a man of some sensitivity his refusal has apologetic overtones but in the main the request to view files is met with either a flat 'No!' or 'It is against regulations.'

I find this amusing - when I can retain my objectivity - because, if inmates were permitted accessibility to their files, the authorities would certainly be hard put defending the statements and assumptions we would discover in them.

Putting the Institutional

authorities in this position is contrary to the 'image' they must project as responsible administrators to the rest of the service and to society as a whole. So, of course, faced with the uncomfortable prospects of having to substantiate their own reports on the investigated person TO the investigated person, the authorities neatly and legally avoid the possibility and deny inmates access to their files.

I find it irritating - and frightening - when I consider that reams of paper and this example of 'non-decision-making-policy' (and the Institution protecting itself from serious choice and responsibility by retreating behind regulations created for that specific purpose, exemplifies, to me, just that) are controlling men's lives, and in a great number of cases, ruining those lives.

The prevalence of the decision-avoidance malady can be expanded on to include the

take their place in society. After lengthy exposure to this a person is ill-prepared to return to the world and interact with people or provide for his own survival needs. In many instances the person gravitates back to his old haunts and cronies and back to prison; once more to hear how pathological he is.

"prisons need prisoners to exist....."

Since prisons need prisoners to exist perhaps the methods currently employed by penology circles serve the purpose the conservative "maintain-the-status-quo" administrators desire. They certainly create criminals.

For a person to break out of this vicious circle he must either admit defeat and conform as demanded, thus becoming little more than a puppet, OR develop a strong sense of self and rightness about his visions so as to be able to make responsible decisions about his actions, both during and after his release, from whatever prison he finds himself in. i personally tend to the latter alternative

In order to achieve this for myself (as others must do for their dreams/visions) it has become essential to continuously work at casting off the social masks, cease game-playing and seriously work towards the future as i see it.

Doing this in prison has posed serious problems and will, in all likelihood, do so for any person who chooses to follow his own path. ("a path with a heart" as Don Juan would put it). Anyone who is "out of formation" as defined collectively by the politicians, administrators, guards and softpolice (watch out for those last ones) will find - as i did - that it takes twice as long (or longer) to make any progress towards being released. However, i feel the personal satisfaction of knowing you've retained your personal integrity is worth all the hassles you may encounter.

"...Society needs its criminals and all other social deviates.."

Society needs its criminals and all other social deviates - and thus they create them. They are used as a measuring stick for those in "society" to judge their rightness against.

by john david prince

For this month's Legal Column I thought it would be of interest to our readers to deal with the following legal issues in Canada.

Within the prison the legal issue discussed most predominantly are the Court's decisions relating to paroles. There are of course several parole descriptions; temporary day-parole, day parole, mandatory parole and, that rarity, the full parole at the inmate's eligibility date.

The question centered around paroles concerns the revocation and/or forfeiture of said paroles.

In the Mitchell case, the defendant had only seven (7) days remaining on his prison term which he was serving on parole when he was arrested.

He was informed that his parole was suspended and three months following the expiration of his prison sentence he was ordered to

serve 763 days in prison. There appears to be a matter of semantics and definition; suspension and revocation are two different issues. The Court ruled that the Parole Board had acted fully within its authority in "revoking" Mitchell's parole.

In a similar decision, against Leonard John Howard, the Supreme Court also upheld the right of the National Parole Board to revoke a parole without furnishing reasons for the revocation. (Ed. note: This case in particular, which aptly demonstrates the arbitrary and autocratic actions of the National Parole Board, supported here by the Supreme Court of Canada, has to be, in the end, self defeating. That is, if the aims, in part, of the Parole Board and the Courts are directed to fostering a respect for the law and its administrators among inmates and society at large.)

In Manitoba, the Court of Appeal has limited the powers of the Parole Board.

(9) One person, Gary Hales,

while on a day parole had a warrant issued for his arrest, and with this arrest would have went the forfeiture of Mr. Hales statutory remission. The Manitoba Court refused to allow the loss of this remission.

There have also been some interesting results in the courts which have seen several men released because of improper interpretation of an amendment to the Parole Act in 1969. At this writing there are a number of inmates across Canada who have received their statutory remission back, some of whom gained an immediate release because of this error.

A great deal of thanks should be given Professor Ron Price of Queen's Law Faculty for pursuing the legal rights of the imprisoned.

Next month

In the June issue John will be tackling the polygraph device (lie-detector). Join us and learn more of this mechanical detective which is sometimes prone to malfunctions, or misinterpretations!

Upcoming

As a result of a recent Supreme Court ruling the Police have the right to break into your home without a search warrant provided they identify themselves and have reasonable grounds to believe a wanted man is inside. This interesting ruling has already had embarrassing results, particularly for the RCMP when they broke into the wrong house. In a face saving attempt an RCMP official blamed the fiasco on "clerical error". Our Legal columnist wants to explore the ramifications of rulings which all too often lead to these "clerical errors".

Justice without strength is helpless, strength without justice is tyrannical unable to make what is just strong, we have made what is strong just.

Blaise Pascal

SPORTS



Saint hurler fires one-hitter in scoreless tie.

by Kelly Irwin

May 29

Ted Woods pitched his strongest game of the season this date as he struck out five batters and gave up a total of three walks in six and a third innings only to end in a scoreless tie against Eastern Welders.

He was tagged finally in the last inning as the Welders left that one man stranded to end the game.

Richard Hartley, the Welders pitcher, had an equally fine game, giving up no walks and striking out five Saint hitters. But he allowed four hits, two in the first inning off the bats of Wayne Hurlbert and Robbie Robinson and two in the last as Paul Peron beat out a bunt and Don Parliament slashed out a single to advance him. The Saints, however, failed to capitalize which brought about the tie.

Teachers top Saints

Jene 2. Despite a three to

nothing deficit, the Ace Motors/Teachers bounced back to down the Saints 5-3.

The Saints started quickly in the second inning as they blasted four hits around the field to pick up three runs. Leo Smith began the Saint barrage with a shot that handcuffed the third baseman. Stan Clooney knocked a clean single into center field, followed by Larry Fontaine's bounced ball in front of the plate which the catcher overthrew to first base, allowing a run to score. Wayne Hurlbert then bloomed a texas leaguer into right center to score two more runs.

That was the last of the Saints' scoring and the Teachers came back strong in the top of the third to even the scoring with three hits by Chestnut, Barclay, and Cartey.

Ace Motors scored again in the fifth and seventh to round out the scoring.

Latest Saint game reported on page 34

HOUSE LEAGUE BASEBALL

Standings and Stats as of May 31

Major League Standings

	W	L	Pts
1 Oakland "A's"	5	4	10
2 Vikings	4	4	8
3 Yankees	2	3	4

Minore League Standings

	W	L	Pts
1 Expo's	6	1	12
2 Pirates	3	3	6
2 Cardinals	3	3	6
3 Dodgers	1	6	2

Major Batting Averages

1	Geauvreau	.833
2	Patterson	.666
2	Cooper	.666
3	Armour	.615
4	Fitzgerald	.600
5	Gagne	.500
6	Collins	.428
7	Harvey	.391
8	Smith (Leo)	.380
9	Robinson	.368
10	Hurlbert	.350

Minor Batting Averages

1	Willet	1.000
2	Gagne	.684
3	Beasley	.625
4	Young	.592
5	Loader	.588
6	Holt	.583
7	Montague	.500
7	Marguis	.500
7	Littlejohn	.500
8	Provencher	.476
9	Phillips	.461
10	Burns	.457

COLLINS BAY FIELD DAY - JULY 1st 1975

COMPLETE AGENDA FOR FIELD DAY

TIME

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|-----------|---------------------------------------------|
| 8:30 a.m. | 1. Handball tournament (singles & doubles) |
| | 2. Tennis tournament (singles & doubles) |
| | 3. Horseshoe tournament (singles & doubles) |
| | 4. Golf tournament (singles & doubles) |
| 8:45 a.m. | 5. Shot Putt x |

continued.....

9:15 a.m.	6. 100 Yard Dash	x
9:30 a.m.	7. Weightlifting tour.	(light, med., heavy)
9:45 a.m.	8. 220 Yard Dash	x
10:00 a.m.	9. Base Running (fastest time)	
10:30 a.m.	10. High Jump	x
11:00 a.m.	11. Running Broad Jump	x
11:15 a.m.	12. Hop, Skip and Jump	x

Lunch Time

1:00 p.m.	13. 440 Yard Dash	x
1:15 p.m.	14. Wheelbarrow Race	
1:30 p.m.	15. Sack Race	
1:45 p.m.	16. Football Throw	
2:00 p.m.	17. Old Man's Race	
2:15 p.m.	18. Three Legged Race	
2:30 p.m.	19. Softball Throw	
2:45 p.m.	20. 880 Yard Relay (4 man teams)	x
3:00 p.m.	21. Tug-o-War (4 teams, 12 men to a team)	
3:15 p.m.	22. Piggy-Back Fights	
3:30 p.m.	23. 1 Mile Race	x
3:45 p.m.	24. Egg Throwing Contest	

x denotes events which will determine the selection of Athlete of the Day.

If possible there will be one or two novelty booths in operation.

Lunch 11:30 A.M.

This will take place in the yard. Servings are two hamburgs and two hot dogs (bar-b-q) plus $\frac{1}{2}$ brick ice cream. Tickets for the above (5) will be distributed.

Coffee and juice will be served in the yard during the day. Everyone will be getting a bag.

There will be a greasy pole added to the events.

A movie is scheduled for the evening.

The following are excerpts from the Minutes of Meeting between Inmate Committee and Management: May 27, 75.

Management Present:

Mr. Duff; Director

Mr. Weir; A/D Soc.

Mr. Patterson; A/D Sec.

Inmate Committee:

Jim Thomas; Chairman

Andy Simmons; Secretary

Wayne Barker

Steve Atkinson

Vic Caverley

Jesse James

Don Parliament

Dennis Fitzgerald

is out or his (officer's) view is obscured or he is in any doubt about the inmate in the cell the he has no choice but to use the flashlight....

New Business

2/ C. Getting to the hospital at this institution is becoming increasingly difficult. The Committee is receiving many complaints about the speed and quality of medical care. This centres on delays in seeing hospital personnel on request and on the distribution of medication. The Committee requests that arrangements be made so that a designated Committee member may have access to Mrs. Cross in order to try and work these problems out as they come up. This was done during the term of the last Committee and could work well again.

M. The Committee Chairman will have access to the Hospital every Thursday afternoon to discuss complaints etc. with Mrs. Cross. It is hoped that this will enable some of the problems to be straightened out.

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BULLETIN

BOARD

DISSATISFACTION EXPRESSED REGARDING DENTAL CARE.

Inmates requesting dental appointments in the manner prescribed have found this method very unsatisfactory, as has Mrs. Cross, head of the Hospital staff. Mrs. Cross receives the inmates' requests and draws up a list of names as received. She then gives this list to the dentist when he comes into the institution. The dentist in turn, with limited time, sees only those inmates whom he considers as having the most serious problems.

As a result of the dentist deferring some cases in favor of others, Mrs. Cross has been criticized and accused of ignoring inmate requests. This, maintains Mrs. Cross, is not the situation at all and she has asked the AVATAR to inform the population that her position in regards to Dental appointments is merely that of an intermediary, and that she has no say as to whom will be called up.

(Ed. Note: I don't doubt that Mrs. Cross sees that the dentist has all the names of inmates requesting appointments. Presumably, the dentist sees all the inmates his time permits. Also, the subsequent flurry of (16) CIL.

passing the buck blamewise gives inmates another interesting but pointless insight into how some departments within the CPS operate. What is important is that the hospital staff are overlooking the real issue. As the Committee pointed out, dental care here is appalling. One day per week is an insufficient time period for any dentist to care for inmate dental requirements.

The obvious solution is an arrangement whereby the dentist comes in oftener, perhaps twice one week and three times during the following week, and continues on that alternating basis.

TEMPORARY ABSENCE BOARD AND SCHEDULE

1. Commencing 12 May 75, T.A applications will have to be submitted at least one week in advance of Board appearance and discussion. This will give enough time for Board members, et al to familiarize themselves with the cases before the inmates appearance before them.

Example:

12 May - last date for submission of TA applications to be scheduled by

13 May - TA list for 20
May Board typed up and
distributed.

Signed,
D.J. Weir
Dept. Director

20 May - Inmate appear -
ance before TA Board.

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3.

INMATE REPRESENTED BY QUEEN'S PROFESSOR

Judges Reject Federal Government's Appeal

May 30. Reprint from the Kingston Whig-Standard
The Ont. Court of Appeals
last week upheld a recent
Ontario Supreme Court deci-
sion here which gave a form-
er Joyceville Institution
inmate nine months off his
eight year sentence.

In a written decision, Jus-
tice Bert J. MacKinnon dis-
missed the appeal by the
Attorney General of Canada
on the sentence recalculation
of inmate Richard Albert
Carlson. Appeal Court
Justices Arthur Kelly and G.
Arthur Martin concurred
with the decision.

The case is one of a series
of test cases argued for
various inmates by Queen's
law professor Ron Price.
Most challenge an inmate's
loss of statutory remission
or "good time" when his pa-
role is revoked.

Good time amounts to 25 per
cent off an inmate's sent-

ence for good behaviour in
prison.

The origin of the case
dates back to 1973 when
Carlson was released on
dayyparole for three months
starting June 12. In Aug.,
1973, he was charged with
an offense, taken into
custody and the charges
were later dropped. But
his parole was suspended
and ultimately revoked.

The National Parole Board
has the power to revoke a
parole as a measure to pre-
vent a parolee from commit-
ting a crime or breaking
the terms of his parole a-
greement.

Carlson, who was serving 8
years for robbery, was due
for release in May, 1974,
but with his statutory re-
mission taken away, the
release date would have
been Oct. '75. ..see pg.29

Crossword Puzzle

by Kelly Irwin

ACROSS

- 1) Not female.
- 5) Disfigure.
- 8) Play your hand close to your
- 12) Black. (poetic)
- 13) Anger.
- 14) Before.
- 15) Plunder.
- 16) Large body of water.
- 17) A number.
- 18) Remedies.
- 20) More than enough.
- 22) Work.
- 24) That is (abbr.)
- 25) Obligation.
- 28) Set free.
- 33) New Zealand Aboriginee.
- 34) Adam's friend.
- 35) Choke
- 36) Set back.
- 39) Phillipine Islands Palm wine.
- 40) Much feared WWII German group.
- 41) Nevada town.
- 43) Superior.
- 47) Niche.
- 51) Woodwind instrument.
- 52) Circle segment.
- 54) Pittance.
- 55) Painful.
- 56) Mom makes it.
- 57) Man's name.
- 58) Hem.
- 59) Ivy thicket.
- 60) Remington, type-writer.

April Answer

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DOWN

- 1) Dissolve.
- 2) Irish battle cry.
- 3) Bird.
- 4) Individual.
- 5) Rockets.
- 6) Here we!
- 7) Harvest.
- 8) Thin layer.
- 9) Ireland.
- 10) Not bought.
- 11) Three.
- 19) Army's head man. (abbr)
- 21) Fib.
- 23) Necessary Organ.
- (18) 25) Oriental dwelling.

- 26) Shoshonean.
- 27), tac, toe.
- 29) Ornamented.
- 30) Generation.
- 31) Summertime Color.
- 32) Self.
- 37) Deference
- 38) Compass point.
- 39) Margin.

- 42) Negative.
- 43) Head Man.
- 44) Kind of tree.
- 45)! Tora! Tora!
- 46) Engrossed.
- 48) Variable star.
- 49) Zeal.
- 50) Wrest.
- 53) Delores Del ... (movie actress)

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JOKE PAGE

Teacher: "George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree but he admitted doing it. Now, do you know why his father didn't punish him?"

Student: "George still had the axe in his hand!"

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Ex-prison guard to new boss: "I'm new here, what do we do between coffee breaks?"

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A lady called the builder of her new home and complained that he had done his work so sloppily that the whole house vibrated violently every time a train went by a full block down the street.

The builder said, "Ridiculous", and went to see for himself.

"Just wait until the train comes along," the lady told him. "It nearly shakes me out of bed. It will do the same to you!"

The builder scoffed so she challenged him to lie on the bed. He had just stretched himself out when the husband came home, and demanded, "What're you doing in my wife's bed?"

The poor builder trembled, "Believe it or not, I'm waiting for a train."

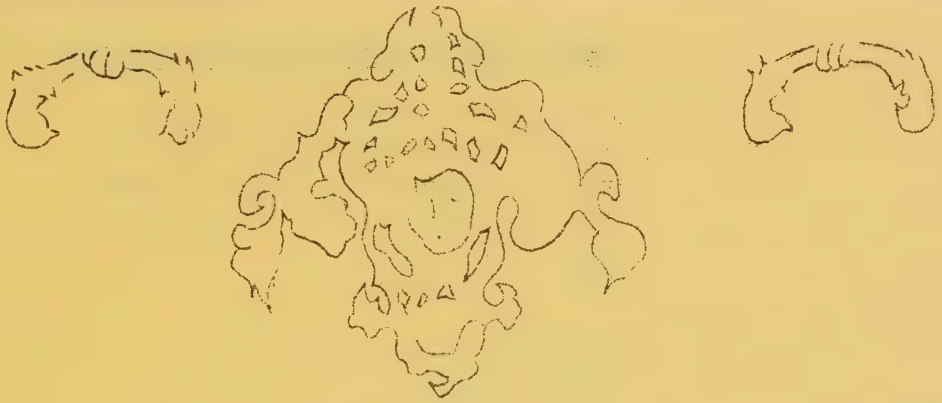
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A controversial Senator shy of funds for his re-election campaign, did a little moonlighting as a lecturer for a few weeks. His first Sunday on tour, he went to church, his car flanked by motorcycle cops, security guards and media newsmen.

As he walked up the aisle of the church at the conclusion of the services, a small boy tugged at his sleeve and whispered, "Are you the guy that came with the police?"

"Yes, son," chuckled the senator, "I am."

"Well," nodded the boy, "you better duck out the side door. They are still waiting for you."



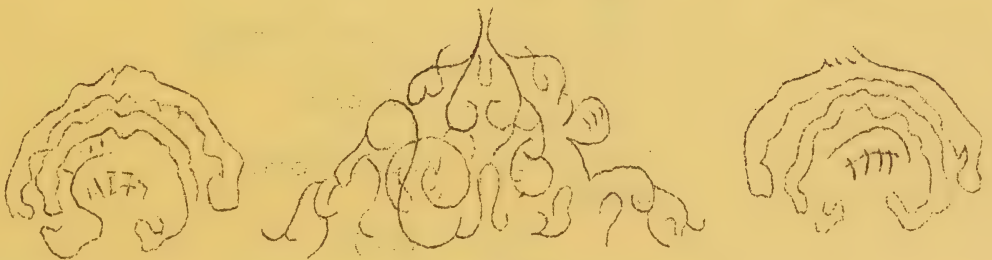
POETRY



AND



PROSE



ARMAGEDDON and CHICKEN LITTLE

Milk of a million mothers
, curdles in the dugs
while radiation happy heroes
polish buttons
now useless
due to pressing

problems escalate
while people
Mike de de de-de, de de de-de
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mushroom monster
poised on high
signals
that Chicken Little was right -
the sky is falling
in a classical prologue
to Armageddon

S.R.O.

Get thee behind me Satan
- take your place in line -
for;
pursued by other demons -
all clamoring for equal billing -
i find

i am
the way
and resurrection beckons
from the wings,
as the bird of pray
- a dove -
bears the latest word
LOVE.

PEOPLE ARE PAPER

People are paper
The ink is their bile
shades of life blood
Drawn on mile after mile.

They are stamped, mutilated,
Spindled and folded.
Tissued and bagged
Newspaper molded.

B.J. Bearley

People are paper
filed away in a drawer
Between A and Z,
Yellowed, aged and ignored.

Photographed men,
Women, houses and cars.
A flattened dimension
Under cardboarded stars.

People are paper
tossed in a trash bin;
Gathered, recycled
and made paper again.

REALITY OR INSANITY

Alone in a vast wild emptiness

vegetate.....no one to talk to

black black black empty

Don

Parliament

don't know what's going ... on,

mind in reverse

here or insane

Insane, Insane, I'm going Insane
can't take it - can't make it
without help from you.

Gliding in a universe of madness
stars of insanity calling out to me
schizophrenic people calling out to me
calling, falling, dreaming, screaming
after me
i'm running, hiding, anyway i can.

Is it really, really reality
Or just waves of energy
Dreaming away all things I've known
Love - Hate - Peace - War
Answers within me
No longer interested - insane
Gone insane
Couldn't take it - couldn't make it
Even with help from you.

POTPOURRI

Weed for Cavities?

Dr. Harry Slade, a 63 year-old Toronto dentist, is convinced that marijuana is good for your teeth.

After practicing for eighteen years in the city's Yorkville section - a sometime hippie neighbourhood, - Dr. Slade noticed that many of his long-haired, off-the-street-patients had fewer cavities than did their straighter-looking peers.

Today, Dr. Slade says, he is able to tell whether or not a patient has been doing pot just by looking into the patient's mouth - no matter what the person's age or dress. He chuckles in recalling how perceptive some patients have thought him to be.

Dr. Slade's theory is that something in marijuana combines with saliva to dry up, or in some way get rid of, dental plaque. Plaque is the carbohydrate residue

that forms on and between teeth, and is one of the primary causes of cavities.

Patients have described to him how their mouths go dry when they are smoking pot, and Dr. Slade theorizes that the same quality in marijuana may also dry up the dental plaque.

So, smoke pot after every meal, and go to see your pusher every six months.

Confession\$

I don't know if confession is good for the soul, but it sure is good for the pocketbook. John Dean, Watergate conspirator, is being paid \$3,500 for each appearance he makes...

What Canadian Sovereignty??

Buffalo. New York police recently pursued a Canadian across the border into Canada and beat him up on the Canadian side...

Quotations by mulla nasrudin.

"I can see in the dark," boasted Nasrudin one day in the teahouse.

"If that is so, why do we sometimes see you carrying a light through the streets?"

"Only to prevent other people from colliding with me."

The Mulla's neighbour wanted to borrow his clothes line.

"Sorry," said Nasrudin, "I am using it. Drying flour."

"How on earth can you dry flour on a clothes-line?"

"It is less difficult than you think when you do not want to lend it."

"How old are you, Mulla?"

"Forty."

"But you said the same last time I asked you, two years ago."

"Yes, I always stand by what I have said."

A neighbour called on Nasrudin.

"Mulla, I want to borrow your donkey."

"I am sorry," said the Mulla, "But I have already lent it out."

As soon as he had spoken, the donkey brayed. The sound came from Nasrudin's stable.

"But Mulla, I can hear the donkey, in there!"

As he shut the door in the man's face, Nasrudin said, with dignity: "A man who believes the word of a donkey in preference to my word does not deserve to be lent anything."

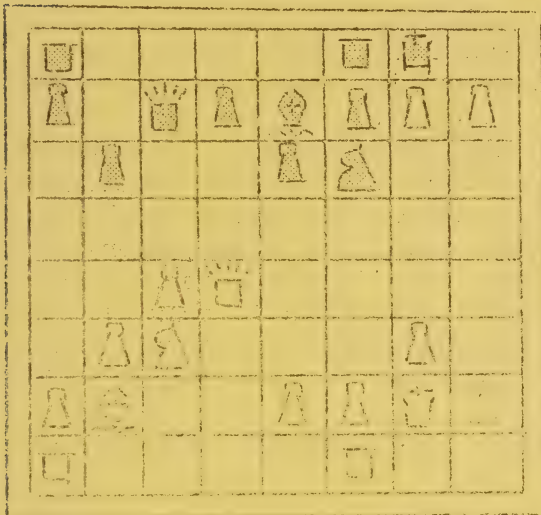
"Why do you always answer a question with another question, Mulla?"

"Do I?"

CHESS CORNER

by Terry Dineen

Manoeuvring:



After the opening phase, when positions on the chess board are more or less equal, the two players engage in preparatory manoeuvres with the aim of disrupting that balance. The player who successfully disturbs the balance in his favor to an overwhelming degree, then can launch a winning attack.

Frequently, however, a player finds that his gains are minute in nature, and any edge in play is gained through difficult, painstaking manoeuvring. Assuming we hold a certain, small

advantage (certainly not enough to conduct an attack from) the question is: how can our advantage be exploited and increased when for one reason or another an attack would be premature.

To begin we must know in what our superiority consists and also be able to unerringly pinpoint our opponent's real weakness. It is preferable to have a restricted but well-defined objective, e.g., development and attainment of a strong point, contesting a weak square in the opponents camp, the opening of a file, etc., etc., than to wander about the maze of

generalities, without any fixed purpose. Discovering advantages in what appear to be well balanced and even positions is a real difficulty. Some people have an instinct for it, but the rest of us must rely on careful, persevering play and hope we will see the objective in a clear light as well as the means of reaching it.

Diagram 1 illustrates what

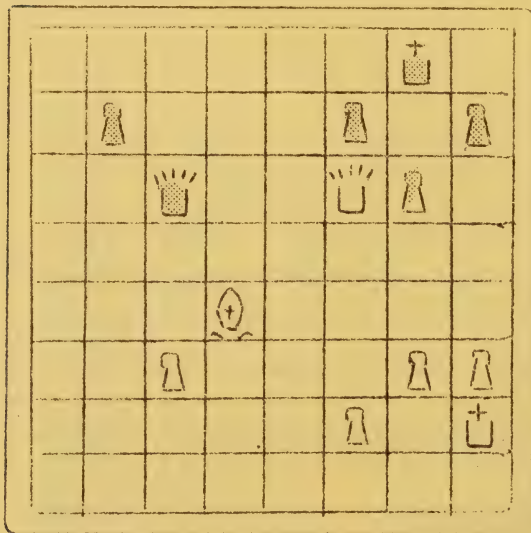
I have been talking about; here Black has a backward pawn on an open file. This, then is the weakness, and it is here that White's advantage is to be found. White must concentrate all his forces against this pawn. That is the theory. In practice it means that he must prevent the advance of this pawn period. This is vital, for an advance, although it wouldn't prevent further attacks, would remove the promise that this one holds by denying black freedom of action. As it is, keeping the Black pawn in its present vulnerable position, all Black's pieces will remain confined to two ranks

for the protection of this important pawn. But, since the pawn can be defended as many times as it can be attacked, how can White increase his advantage? The fact that the advantage in question is one of Space provides the answer. White must not look for threats in this position but confinement; he must restrict his opponent more and more, deny him manoeverability, and, finally, force his pieces more or less into a position of stalemate.

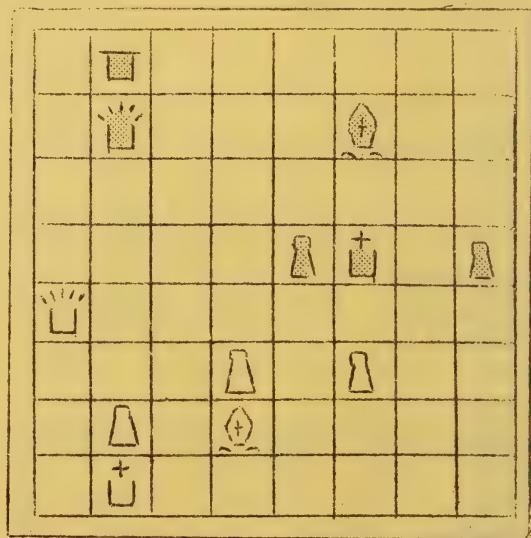
April Checkmate Answers:

1. N-K7 mate
2. QxP ch KxQ
R-KN5 mate

White to move & mate in one



White to move & mate in two



Gov't. Appeal Rejected.....

The appeal hinged on the question of whether day parole can be revoked, or whether it can only be terminated if no offense has been committed.

Revocation by definition means good time can be taken away from the inmate while termination means the day parole is at an end, but the inmate can keep his good time.

It came down to interpretation of the Parole Act which seems to contain some unclear passages, as indicated in the writted decision.

Section 10 (1) of the act says the board has the power to revoke "the parole of any paroled inmate" - which would seem to refer to both day and full paroles, wrote Justice MacKinnon.

However, in section 10 (2), the act reads that the board may "terminate the day parole of any paroled inmate.

Also, the act uses the word "recommitted" referring to full parole, since day parolees are in fact still attached to the prison and report back to the prison

regularly.

Mr. Justice Mackinnon acknowledged argument put forward by lawyer Paul Evraire on behalf of the Attorney-General of Canada that termination was a faster, less serious way to end a day parole. For example, if the inmate were attending classes and the course closed, the parole would be terminated and would leave the good time intact. Or it could even be a punishment for regularly returning late to the prison.

"Certainly there are situations in which section 20 (2) could be made applicable to day parolees who have "jumped" parole. (revocation brings about the loss of all remission). However, Parliament has not made its intentions clear in section 20 and I must give the benefit of that ambiguity to the respondent in this appeal," wrote Mr. Justice MacKinnon.

entire Canadian Penitentiary Service and I should explain here how the process works and why...

Decidophobia - the fear of making decisions is at the root of the problem. (Decidophobia is dealt with in a book by Walter Kaufmann, the Princeton philosopher. He maintains that while we all crave autonomy, the prospects of achieving it terrify us, and we settle for the safer, sheep-like, 'follower' role.

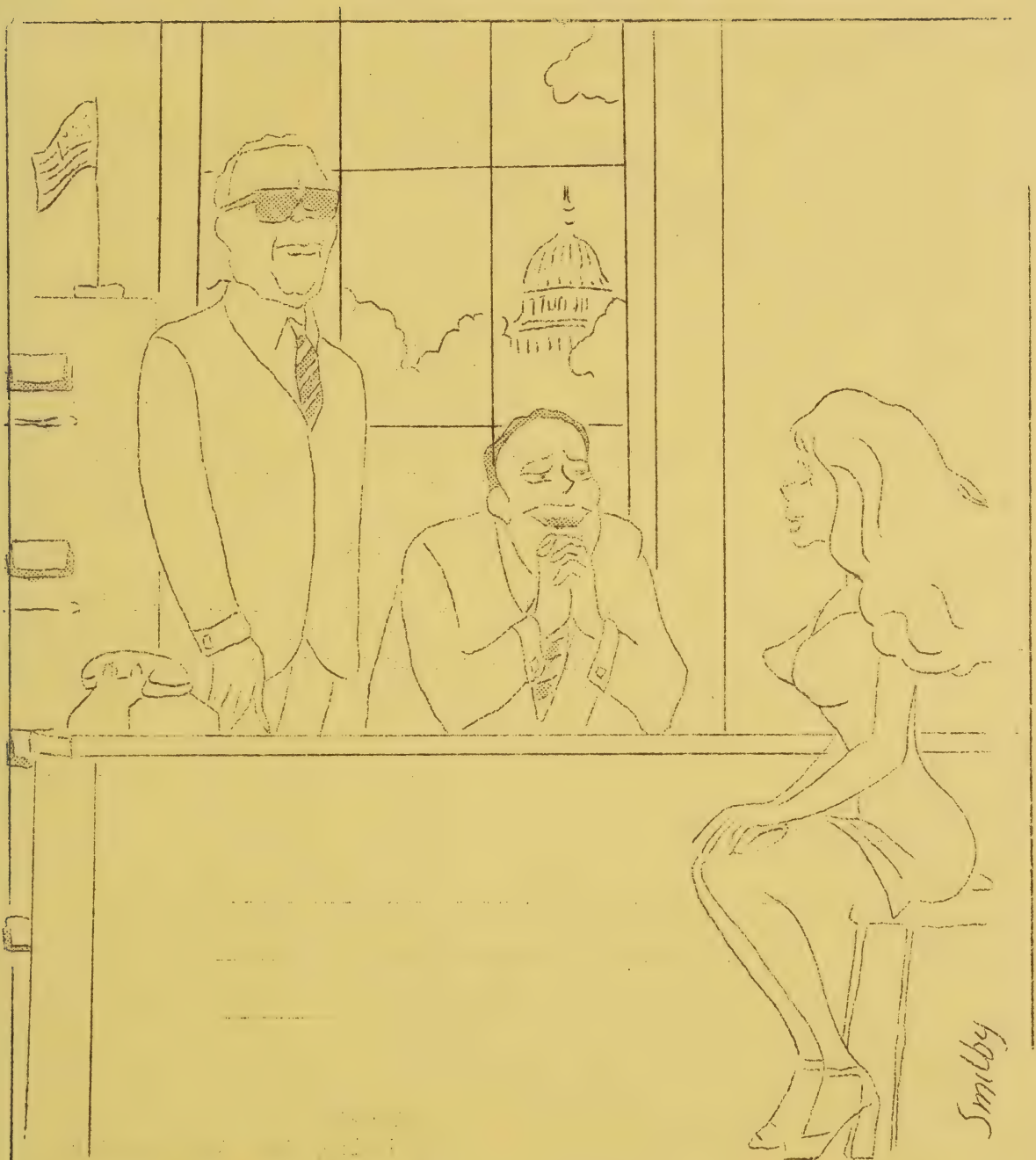
Kaufmann also defines the strategies we all most commonly employ to avoid making decisions, and all the dodges he defines flourish in government agencies and especially forms of middle-management. (Middle-management in the CPS, I'm sure everyone will agree, includes the position of the Commissioner of Penitentiaries, Regional Headquarters, and Institutional Administrations.

This 'middle-maze', as I choose to call it, as opposed to the executive one residing in Ottawa (though all characters are interchangeable) is absorbed with making microscopic distinctions and avoids (with little effort) coming to grips with any major decision.

These gray officials could, and do, when called upon, generate numerical data ad infinitum rather than impell themselves to a useful decision. Equipped with an awesome weapon, the Xerox, these men use that inter-office copier to immobilize entire departments, submerging them under endless, detailed, hair-splitting, boring memorandums.

In this maze there is no room for healthy, uninhibited, self-criticism. The average maze-worker, fearing the attention that rejecting such a state of affairs would give him, in a slavish, platitudinous change, continues his/her plodding, mundane considerations of microscopic distinctions until, occasionally and inevitably, some catastrophe rudely awakens the entire Service from its sleep-work.

I don't exactly know how to circumvent the non-decision-making-process. One could, I suppose, attempt to counteract the 'file' situation by accumulating and feeding into it enough positive information to gain an edge. Unfortunately, the file-oriented mentality usually prefers to focus on the negative aspects of files. Still, you can try.



"To put it bluntly Miss Capworth, there are certain assignments with the Central Intelligence Agency where intelligence is not the primary requisite."



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The more uncertain persons and a society are of their worth - individually and collectively - the more laws are enacted and new acts defined as deviance.

Therefore there is a need for each person to become an "individual" in the fullest sense of the word and then the need for a society based on wars, exploitation and OPPRESSION will vanish. The consumer-oriented, materialistic society is on the way out as a way of life (i hope, since otherwise life is on the way out) and a more humanistic approach appears imminent. Hopefully the day will come when everyone's basic needs (physical and psychical) are met at a reasonable high level and nation-states disappear in favor of EARTH. With the passing of society based on senseless consumption, where money and what it can purchase is the measure of success, there will be a chance to realize a society based on brotherhood where a person is not imprisoned but rather integrated into the society.

This requires energy - the energy of people growing to a true knowledge of self and following their dreams rather than desires. i can think of no better way to (33)

spend one's time in prison than finding oneself and consequently where one wishes to go. It took me years, but that's not to say someone else cannot do it much quicker. Once you transcend the narrow boundaries of prison there is no holding you. You are free - in your mind - and that is the one part of a person no jailer can ever touch!

Strange thoughts you may say, but it is where i find myself at this point in time. Perhaps a poem of mine will explain in a few words that which i've used many up to now to explain:

LICENSED

They can certify me mad
if they will
and i'll flaunt it in their
faces
as proof
that i at least
am mad
with whom i want to be mad
with.

SAINTS EDGED OUT IN HEARTBREAKER

AGAINST MANOR. by Kelly irwin.

June 6. Despite a poor first inning the Saints fought back this date only to fall in defeat to the Lakeview Manor, 7-6, in the final frame.

After disposing of the Saints' first three batters Lakeview Manor struck quickly in their half of the first to rally for five runs, aided by two Saint errors, to take the lead.

The second and third innings were straight three up-three down affairs for both clubs and the Manor team seemed to have complete control of the game.

The fourth inning began innocently enough as Paul Perron led off for the Saints only to ground out to the second baseman. Stan Clooney followed Paul and caught the first pitch for a sizzling home run deep into left-center field for the first Saint home run of the year and their first run of the game.

That was all for the Saints in their half of the fourth but the Manor came back to tally one more score in the

bottom of the fifth.

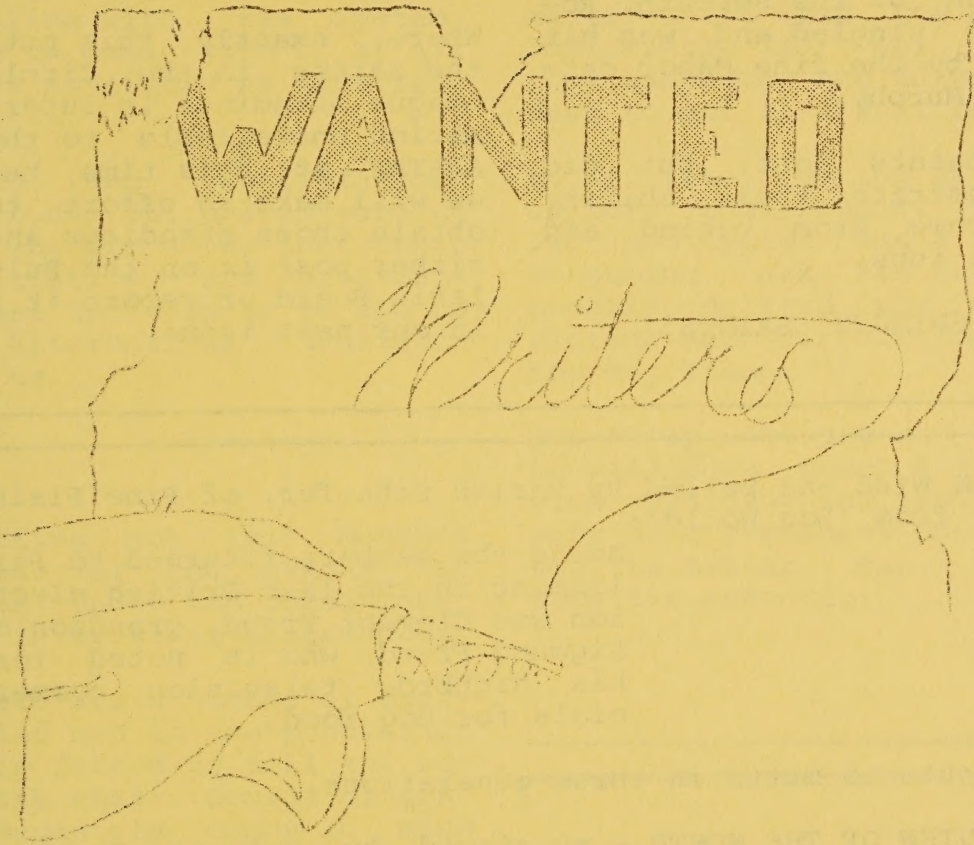
Things looked bleak indeed as the jail-favorites came to the plate for the top of the sixth.

Don Geaurreau started it off with a double, but was forced out on Paul Perron's grounder. An error by the third baseman allowed Stan Clooney to reach first, advancing Perron to second. Leo Smith struck out, followed by Robbie Robinson who reached first due to an error by the shortstop and the Saints had the bases loaded!

In what proved to be superb coaching strategy Midge pulled Larry Fontaine in favor of Don Parliament, who worked the Manor pitcher, Brown, to a one and one count and then smashed a grand-slam home run into left-center.

Jimmy Armour then reached first on an error by the third baseman and was moved to third by Ted Woods' first hit of the game, a double, Wayne Hurlbert, having little luck at the plate up to this point, laid down a perfect bunt that fooled everyone, while Armour stole home. That tied the game and ended Saint scoring.

Many thought the play of the



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Saints Edged..

did manage to score the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh. Roberts singled and was hit home by the fine Manor catcher Murphy.

The Saints lost, but did demonstrate their ability to come from behind and score runs.

KEEP SWINGIN' SAINTS!!

The Saints record in the Circle Baseball League to date stands at 1 win, 2 ties, and 5 losses.

Where, exactly, this puts the Saints in the Circle League standings is information unavailable to the AVATAR at this time, but we will make an effort to obtain those standings and either post it on the Bulletin Board or report it in in our next issue.

LONDON WIRE -as pulled by Marion Schaefer, of Pine Plains, N.Y.; from 'Dog World':

Among the members returned to Parliament in the last British election was Clement Freud, grandson of Sigmund Freud, who is noted for his highbrow television commercials for dog food.

From nuts to mutts in three generations.

INTERVIEW OF THE MONTH - as viewed by Valerie Sherlock from Lynn Ashby's column in the Houston Post:

An unnamed Houston policeman, being interviewed on whether he would trust women police officers in patrol cars: "Well, I guess we'll just have to feel them out to see how they're going to do."

Sounds to us like a Msdemeanor.

Files and Dodges cont. from page 30.

Another method to adopt is, recognizing the futility of dealing with the system, not to deal with it at all - or as little as possible.

Both are unsatisfactory methods, but unless someone in the CPS shows leadership initiative - and survives - these two seem to be the only alternatives available to us.

Putting out this month's issue of the AVATAR has been, under the conditions, an interesting experience.

There are a number of qualified men in the population ably fitted to fill the editor's chair. George Watson immediately comes to mind and I hope a way may be found for him to return to the position.

I had also hoped that in the past six weeks a decision would have been made

in this regard and it would not have been necessary for me to shift from the more comfortable (for me) and less demanding Art Editor's desk to act in a dual role.

At any rate, acting as an editor, contributor, artist and typist was a time-consuming task and subsequently delayed the completion and circulation of the May issue.

Hopefully the powers that be will soon reach a decision regarding the appointment of a permanent editor and the Avatar can resume its schedule.

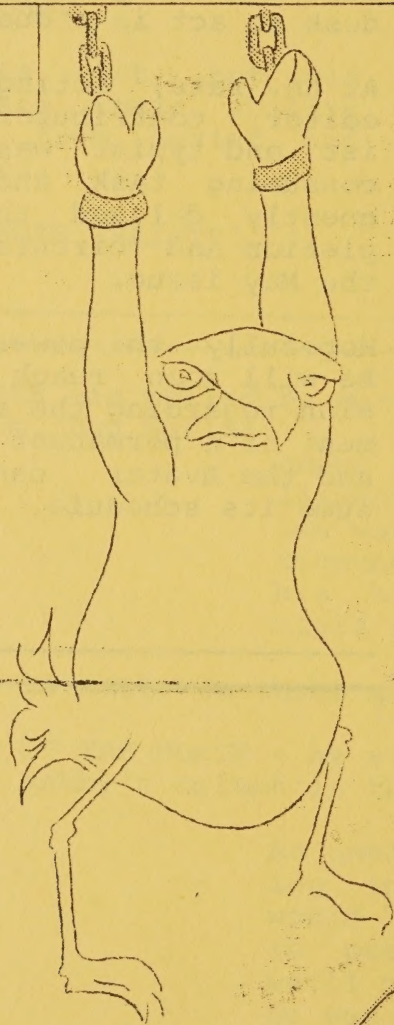
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wake up immediat-
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